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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of vaccines that are made freely available to the public under the National Immunization Programme (NIP);

(b) whether the Government have any proposal to add more vaccines under this Programme;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) the funds required for inclusion of vaccines including Hepatitis-B vaccine under the programme?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI A. RAJA)

(a) to (d) Under the Universal Immunization Programme, being implemented by the Government of India through the States, vaccination is given to the children throughout the country for the control of six vaccine preventable diseases namely childhood tuberculosis, diptheria, pertussis, poliomyelitis, measles and neo-natal tetanus. The Government has also decided to introduce Hepatitis B vaccination for infants on a pilot basis. This programme will be implemented in slum areas of 15 metropolitan cities during 2002-03 and 32 districts during 2003-04. This pilot project is supported by Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunization who are providing full commodity support (vaccine and auto-disable syringes) worth Rs.23.89 crores for the Pilot project through UNICEF.